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TAGS: AFSP, CO

SUBJECT: SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

REF: FAMC 378

1. LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER HAS REQUESTED MORE LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF FAMC 378. IT POINTS OUT THAT OTHER POSTS HAVE TAKEN A LESS STRICT APPROACH TO THE SALE OF POVS THAN BOGOTA. THE POST AND AFSA AGREE THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO PROPOSALS APPEAR REASONABLE AND THE POST REQUESTS THE DEPT'S APPROVAL TO PLACING THEM IN EFFECT.

2. AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES 19P/C OF INITIAL PRICE OF AUTOMOBILE (NOT TO EXCEED \$400.) TO COVER COST OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MADE SUBSEQUENT TO PURCHASE IN LIEU OF ITEMIZING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE A FAIR PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF A) THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS THAT OBTAIN IN COLOMBIA AND B) THE LACK OF ANY WARRANTY ON CARS PURCHASED FOR OVERSEAS USE. IT IS A RARE OWNER THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO PAY OUT LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO REPLACE PARTS BASIC TO THE CAR'S OPERATION WHICH, IF IN THE US, WOULD BE COVERED BY THE WARRANTY. THESE BASIC PARTS WE WOULD CONTENTEND CONSTITUTE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND WOULD INCLUDE BURGLAR ALARMS AND OTHER ANTI-THEFT DEVICES SO ESSENTIAL HERE. AND NOT REPAIRS. THIS APPLICATION OF THE REFERENCE APPEARS TO BE IN CONSONANCE WITH RECENT CHANGES IN TRANSFER ALLOWANCE REGULATIONS WHICH ALLOW A FIXED AMOUNT FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS PORTION OF THE ALLOWANCE.

3. ADJUST ACQUISITION COST RETURNED TO EMPLOYEE TO

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